



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Men's Health Week

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

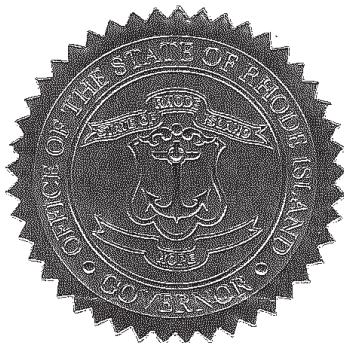
WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and


WHEREAS, Rhode Island Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

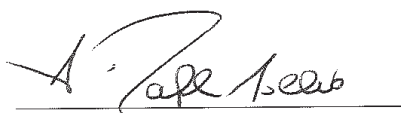
WHEREAS, the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 13-19, 2011, the week leading up to and including Father's Day, as Men's Health Week in this state, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 23RD day of May, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State